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| In re patent application of |) | |
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| |) | Group Art Unit: 2812 |
| Serial No. 10/082,852 |) | |
| |) | Examiner: Unknown |
| Filed: 2-25-02 |) | |

Title: Reduced Mask Count Buried Layer

AMENDMENT A

In response to the Office Action Summary, mailed 9-15-03, please note the following response:

Election/Restrictions

The application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- A. Specie 1 figure 1f
- B. Specie 2 figure 3d
- C. Specie 3 figure 4k
- D. Specie 4 figure 5g
- E. Specie 5 figure 6e
- F. Specie 6 figure 7c

Applicant is required under 35 USC 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, none of the claims appear to be generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Applicant's Response

In response to the election requirement of 9-15-03, Applicant chooses to prosecute claims 54-56. Claims 54-56 are supported in the application by Figures 3, Specie 2.

Applicant's attorney apologizes for his failure to verbally make the election. It was a busy time and Applicant's attorney failed to docket the election requirement.

Respectfully submitted,



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